

Amanda Ophelia Mason



A GENEALOGY

OF THE FAMILY OF

**Amanda Ophelia Mason**

BORN SMITH

FROM THE EARLIEST RECORD IN 1710 TO 1898

COMPILED IN 1898



The facts given in this little compilation are all that I am able to learn of my family. They are taken from papers in possession of my mother, or from her recollections; and I have put them in this form to preserve them for those of the name who may be interested in a record of the family.

CHAS. E. MASON.

Gladstone, Michigan, July 14, 1898.



## SIX GENERATIONS—1710-1898.

✓1.—AMOS SMITH came from England early in the eighteenth century and settled in Brookfield, Fairfield county, Connecticut. He had four sons, Amos, Joseph, Richard and Ebenezer.

✓2.—RICHARD SMITH, the third son of the immigrant Smith had four sons, Sherman, Joseph, Richard and Benjamin.

✓3.—SHERMAN SMITH, the son of Richard, married Amaryllis the second daughter of Samuel Hodgkiss. They had seven children; Erastus, born in 1787, Ira, Charles, Amasa, Sabra, Sarah and Polly.

✓4.—ERASTUS SMITH, born in 1787, eldest son of Sherman Smith, married Mary Vail, daughter of John N. Vail and Hannah Nearin. He had by Mary Vail three children; Adaline born in 1810, married Ruggles Phelps; Hannah, born in 1814, married George Canfield and Amanda Ophelia, born April 26, 1818, married Jacob H. Buys. Erastus Smith married a second wife, Esther Dubois and had by her a daughter Esther.

5.—AMANDA O. SMITH, married for the second time, Richard Mason, by whom she had one son, Charles Edward Mason. Her children by her first marriage were Smith V. Buys, George H. Buys and Delia Ann Buys.

6.—CHARLES E. MASON, son of Amanda Smith and Richard Mason, was born March 22, 1854, and married Sarah Caroline Hutchinson June 30, 1886. He had three children, Carl Philip, born Sept. 23, 1887, Maud Irma, born May 15, 1891, and Dorothy Quincy, born September 5, 1894.

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## I.

Nothing is known of the first of the name of Smith, of this family beyond that set forth in the table. He was among the early settlers of Western Connecticut and doubtless participated in all their dangers from nature and from the Indians. Brookfield, where he seated himself, is on the Still River, a small tributary of the Housatonic. He was born about 1710. The date of his death is unknown. His sons were four; Amos, Joseph, Richard and Benjamin.

## II.

Of this generation nothing is recorded beyond that given in the table. Richard Smith was doubtless born about 1735 and lived until after the revolution.

## III.

**Smith.** Sherman Smith the oldest son of Richard Smith, was born about 1757 and died in 1814. He married Amaryllis, the second daughter of Samuel Hodgkiss by whom he had seven children as in the table.

Of these Erastus married Mary Vail, Ira married her sister Dimmus Vail. Nothing is related of Charles except that he lived in Boston, at one time, in good circumstances, nor of Amasa. The eldest daughter, Sabra married John Driggs and had two sons, the older, Edmund Driggs, between 1830 and 1840 was in business in New York City. He was very active and established a number of industries, a sash door and blind factory, and an insurance company still in business. He began life poor and died in 1895 worth several millions. Her second son John F. Driggs, was for some years about 1860-70



congressman from the Saginaw district of Michigan. The second daughter, Sarah, married a Truesdell and had one son, Wesley who became a banker and steamboat owner in Detroit. Polly, the third daughter, married a Skidmore and had a daughter Esther who married a Turner and had several children; of these Angeline married F. B. Lowell and was living in 1898 at Marinette, Wisconsin.

**Vail.** John N. Vail was born in Danbury, Conn., about 1754 and died in 1827. He served seven years in the revolutionary army. Before enlisting he married Hannah Nearin, in 1775. By her he had six children; Parthenia, 1783, Mary, 1786, Dimmus, 1787, Dorcas, 1788, Joseph, 1789, and John, 1890. Of these Parthenia did not marry, but died about 1839 in Danbury. MARY VAIL married ERASTUS SMITH in 1806 and had three daughters; Adaline, 1810; Hannah, 1814 and AMANDA OPHELIA, April 26, 1818. She died January 30, 1837. Dimmus married Ira Smith, 1810, and had one son and two daughters, John, Angeline and Francis, who died in 1895. Dorcas married Eliakim Benedict and had three sons, Eliakim being the oldest. Joseph served in the war of 1812 and lost an arm in the service. He ran away to enlist. Of John nothing is known.

**Nearin.** Henry Nearin was born about 1721 in New Milford, Conn. He had two sons, Henry and Joseph, and two daughters, Ruby and HANNAH married JOHN N. VAIL in 1775 and had six children as given in Vail.

**Hodgkiss.** Samuel Hodgkiss was born in New Haven, Conn., about 1729 and had one son and two daughters Polly and AMARYLLIS, who married SHERMAN SMITH and had seven children given in the table.



## IV.

**Smith.** ERASTUS SMITH, the eldest son of Sherman Smith and Amaryllis Hodgkiss, was born October 19, 1787, in Brookfield, Conn. He was a hatter by trade and was engaged in business in Patterson, Putnam county, N. Y. He married MARY VAIL in 1806. He served in the cavalry branch of the Militia during the war of 1812 and was for a time in active service. He had three daughters by MARY VAIL as given in the table. His wife died in 1837 and he married again, having one daughter, Esther, by this marriage. He moved to Cold Spring, about 1822 and established a hat factory, supplying New York City and the surrounding country and employing about thirty men. He also made ladies hats and it is related that some sold for as much as twenty-five dollars—a large price at that day. He moved again in 1831 to to Poughkeepsie, having sold out his hat business. He was a very large man, over six feet in height, and of the largest frame. He died at Masonville, Delta County, Michigan, at the home of his daughter Amanda, September, 1869.

## V.

**Mason.** AMANDA OPHELIA SMITH was born April 26, 1818, third daughter of Erastus Smith and Mary Vail, at Patterson, N. Y. She married Jacob H. Buys, January 14, 1835. Of this marriage there were born two sons and a daughter; Smith V. Buys born August 15, 1836, died July 1853; George H. Buys born October 7, 1842, died January 14, 1865, and Delia Ann Buys, born January 31, 1839. The sons died unmarried. Delia married George W. Havermale and had six children. Jacob H. Buys died September

*died 10-25-1905*

*and died Nov. 16, 1924 at home of Albert & Helma in Glendale, Calif. Buried at Forest Lawn*



1847, and Amanda Buys married RICHARD MASON by whom she had one son Charles E. Mason, March 22, 1854.

RICHARD MASON was born in Bolton, Lancashire, England, December 25, 1804. He was the oldest of nine children. He emigrated to America in March, 1829. He landed in New York and for some years worked as a machinist for Commodore Vanderbilt who at that time operated a line of steamers. He went to Toronto, Canada in 1834 and established a foundry. He there married Eliza Bailey and his partner, Jabez Barber, married her sister Anne. He went with his partner to Grand River, Michigan, in 1837, being forced out of Canada by the Rebellion of that year. He built a sawmill at Grand Haven and established a lumber yard in Chicago in 1838. By his marriage with Eliza Bailey he had five children Agnes Anne, Eliza Jane, Francis, Richard and James. After the death of his first wife in 1846, he married AMANDA O. BUYS, and had one son Charles Edward Mason, born March 22, 1854 at Masonville, Michigan, where he had purchased and rebuilt a mill in 1852, of which he took possession November 9 of that year. He continued in the lumber business until the time of his death, April 18, 1870, at Masonville at the age of 65 years, 3 months and 23 days. He was a man of great energy and had built a considerable fortune which was mostly lost a short time before his death by unfortunate business ventures. The effect of this upon his mind and body was such as to greatly hasten his death. Of his children by his first wife only Richard, James and Eliza married or survived him.

## VI.

**Mason.**

Richard Mason, the oldest son of Richard Mason (V) was born at Grand Haven, May 30,



1842. He spent his early years in Chicago and was later associated with his father in the lumber business, which he carried on at Chicago, at Masonville and at Gladstone, Michigan after his father's death. Was mayor of Gladstone and state senator two terms. He was married May 30, 1863, to Julia A. Davis and had five children, Richard Prentiss, Myra, Charles, Mabel and Hazel.

Agnes Mason and Francis Mason died young, unmarried.

James Mason married May Davis and had six children Myron, Charles, William, Pearl, Stella and Blanche.

Eliza Jane Mason, born 1840, married George A. Lowell. She had four children and in 1898 lived in Chico, California. Her children living were then Jeannie, Una and Mabel.

Charles Edward Mason, youngest son of Richard Mason and Amanda Smith, was born at Masonville, Michigan. March 22, 1854. He went to school in Chicago for some winters, took a course at the law department of Michigan University and was admitted to the bar in 1881. He began the publication of a newspaper in Escanaba in 1886, which was removed to Gladstone in 1887. He was married June 30, 1886, to Sarah C. Hutchinson and had three children Carl P., Maud Irma and Dorothy Quincy.

Aunt  
Sadie

*Died with TB. Buried at Forest Lawn, Glendale*

**Buy's.** Smith V. Buys, born August 15, 1836, was drowned at Masonville in July 1853.

George H. Buys, born October 7, 1842, died in Chicago, January 14, 1865.

Delia Ann Buys, only daughter of Jacob H. Buys and Amanda Smith, was born January 31, 1839. She married George W. Havermale June 29, 1858, and had six children,

*Chicago*

*Albert's  
writing*



Arthur, Alice, George B., Lewis, Charles and Albert. She lived in 1898 at Olathe, Kansas.

**Havermale.** Arthur, oldest son of George W. Havermale and Delia Ann Buys has two sons, Faust being the elder.

Alice Havermale married ~~Robert Bayliss~~ <sup>Howard Bayles</sup> and has five children, four daughters and one son. <sup>2 sons</sup>

George B. Havermale has two daughters.

Lewis Havermale has two daughters and lived in Los Angeles, Cal., in 1898. <sup>1 son - 1 daughter</sup>

Charles Havermale died in infancy.

Albert Havermale is in the printing business in Los Angeles.

Albert married Halma Joneson 1904. Has 2 children - son, Wesley, daughter, Doris Delia.

Wesley married Martha Dicks on 1932. Doris married <sup>Mar 6,</sup> Menno Harder, 1942, in Glendale, CA.

Wesley has a daughter - Martha Ann. a son Bobby. (Robt Gordon.)

Doris has <sup>2</sup> daughters <sup>+ a son</sup> Jeanenne Barbara. Born June 5, 1946

Cheryl Dawn Mar 16, 1951  
Howard Menno - Nov 19, 1953  
<sup>Chelan Marie</sup>

Holman's writing



